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E. O. 11652: N/ A
TAGS: SGEN IT
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF GOLD MEDAL TO PRESIDENT NIXON BY
BRUTIUM

1. MR. GIUSEPPE GESUALDI, A LAWYER AND CHAIRMAN OF BRUTIUM (CALABRIAN REGIONAL ASSOCIATION) HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE ASSOCIATION WISHES TO PRESENT A GOLD MEDAL FROM CALABRIA TO THE PRESIDENT.
2. APPARENTLY, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR. GESUALDI HAS BEEN DELEGATED TO PRESENT THE MEDAL AND A CERTIFICATE OF AWARD TO PRESIDENT NIXON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE US BRANCH OF THE BRUTIUM ASSOCIATION IN NEW YORK, SCHEDULED FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 21 - MAY 6.
3. BRUTIUM, WE HAVE ASCERTAINED, IS A RESPECTED, WORLDWIDE SOCIAL AND BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATION OF PEOPLE FROM CALABRIA, MODELED SOMEWHAT AFTER THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL. IF IT HAS ANY POLITICS AT ALL, THE ORGANIZATION COULD BE CHARACTERIZED AS CONSERVATIVE.
4. THE POST CONTACTED BRUTIUM BY TELEPHONE AND SPOKE WITH THE ASSISTANT WHO WILL ACCOMPANY MR. GESUALDI TO THE US. WE TOLD HIM THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN TO THE DEPARTMENT, BUT THAT WE SUGGESTED UNOFFICIALLY THAT WORKING THROUGH THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OR ONE OF THEIR AMERICAN CHAPTERS MIGHT PROVE FASTER, GIVEN THE IMMINENCE OF THEIR TRIP. THE TRAVELERS PLAN TO CONTACT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY BY TELEPHONE FROM NEW YORK, SINCE WASHINGTON WILL NOT BE A PART OF THEIR ITINERARY UNLESS

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THE PRESENTATION CAN BE MADE. SHOULD THE PRESENTATION PROVE POSSIBLE BUT NOT WITHIN THE TIME FRAME OF THE CURRENT TRIP, THE OFFICIALS ARE PREPARED TO RETURN TO THE US FOR THE CEREMONY AT A LATER DATE.

5. IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS FURTHER ADVICE FOR BRUTIUM RE THIS REQUEST SUGGEST CONTACT MR. GESUALDI C/O BRUTIUM, 5914 - 20 TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEWYORK, TELEPHONE 259.9706.

6. TO COMPLETE DEPARTMENT'S FILES ON THIS MATTER ORIGINAL LETTER BEING POUCHED. BEAUDRY

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